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The Honorable Kay Granger Chair House Committee on Appropriations U.S. House of Representatives Washington, DC 20515 The Honorable Rosa DeLauro Ranking Member House Committee on Appropriations U.S. House of Representatives Washington, DC 20515

Dear Chairwoman Granger and Ranking Member DeLauro:

I am requesting funding for the Plymouth Water Pollution Control Facility Phosphorous Reduction Upgrade Project in fiscal year 2024. The entity to receive funding for this project is the Plymouth Water Pollution Control Authority (WPCA), located at PO Box 257, Pequabuck, CT 06781. The funding would allow the Plymouth Water Pollution Control Facility (WPCF) to reduce phosphorous in the town's wastewater before discharging to the Pequabuck River. The project is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds because the project is required on the heels of a construction project implemented for the town to meet the nitrogen removal requirements for the State of Connecticut and the Long Island Sound. The project will include modifications to the secondary treatment system to improve nutrient removal, the addition of chemicals to precipitate out phosphorus, and replacement of equipment that is beyond its useful life and increasingly difficult to find and pay for necessary parts.

The project has a Federal nexus because the funding provided is for purposes authorized by Title VI of the Clean Water Act, 33 U.S.C 1381 et seq.

I certify that I have no financial interest in this project, and neither does anyone in my immediate family.

Sincerely

Jahana Hayes

Member of Congress